

FOOTNOTES

¹The following types of coverage would be permitted coverage and therefore would not preclude an individual from being eligible to contribute to an MSA: (1) coverage only for accidents, dental care, vision care, disability income, or long-term care; (2) Medicare supplemental health insurance; (3) coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance; (4) liability insurance, including general liability insurance and automobile liability insurance; (5) worker's compensation or similar insurance; (6) automobile medical-payment insurance; (7) coverage for a specified disease or illness; and (8) a hospital or fixed indemnity policy. Other types of coverage, e.g., a flexible spending arrangement, would not be permitted coverage.

²If the individual is covered under different catastrophic plans at different times during the month, the limit would be the lowest deductible under such plans.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. DIXIE MELILLO

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I want to highlight the accomplishments of Dr. Dixie Melillo, a distinguished physician who has selflessly helped women with breast cancer in southeast Texas. In fact, Dr. Melillo is a wonderful healer for both the families and the patients with breast cancer. Dr. Melillo provides the latest medical treatments as well as emotional support for her patients. Every patient receives her home phone number so they can contact her at any time and discuss their case. Dr. Melillo is a good example of an extraordinary woman and professional who gives her time and effort to her community.

Dr. Melillo founded The Rose, a nonprofit organization for breast cancer screening. The Rose provides mammograms below cost or at no cost to women who otherwise would not receive these screenings. With these screenings, women have a much better chance of survival and receive appropriate medical treatment before their tumors have spread. As of December 1994, The Rose has provided low-cost mammograms to over 45,000 women, including 4,700 sponsored patients. In addition, The Rose is located in three locations so it is convenient for women to schedule their appointments.

Dr. Melillo is a tireless volunteer for The Rose, and serves as its medical director. In her capacity as medical director, Dr. Melillo has organized five different breast cancer support groups, and regularly attends each of these meetings. Her most recent accomplishment was to organize a metastatic support group for patients with a recurrence. Patients, spouses, and families all join in these important gatherings. Last year, Dr. Melillo consulted with more than 300 women.

In many cases, she will treat patients who cannot afford followup care, at no cost. She has never turned down an opportunity to help her fellow woman. Roughly 20 percent of her practice has been dedicated to charity care.

Dr. Melillo is a well recognized and dedicated physician. Dr. Melillo completed her medical studies at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, TX. A general surgeon in private practice in Pasadena, Dr. Melillo currently serves as the chairperson of the Southeast Harris County Task Force of the American Cancer Society. In 1986 she served

as the Chairman of The Department of Surgery at Bayshore Medical Center.

Dr. Melillo works hard for her community. She currently serves on the board of directors at Texas Commerce Bank, Pasadena Branch. Since 1993, Dr. Melillo has served on the board of directors at Bayshore Medical Center, where she still practices. From 1986 to 1990, Dr. Melillo served as the chairman of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, Medical Services Committee. In addition, Dr. Melillo has served as the alternative delegate for the Texas Medical Association. In 1988, Dr. Melillo received the Mayor's Volunteer of the Year Award in the health category for her dedicated service to the Houston community.

IN RECOGNITION OF COL. PIERCE ALBERT RUSHTON, JR., DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS AT THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY IN WEST POINT, NY

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, Col. Pierce Albert Rushton, Jr., Director of Admissions at the U.S. Military Academy which is located in my District in West Point, New York, is retiring this year. He has a long and distinguished career of service to his country and the continued development of its future leaders.

At this point Mr. Speaker, I would ask that the attached statement be inserted into the RECORD for my colleagues review:

Colonel Rushton will retire from active military service in September 1995. Colonel Rushton's long and distinguished career as a soldier began in 1959 with his graduation from West Point and has spanned over 36 years. Colonel Rushton has made immeasurable contributions to the U.S. Army and to the U.S. Military Academy. Throughout his career he has distinguished himself as an exceptional leader, who fostered and upheld the timeless and honorable traditions of the U.S. Army.

As a soldier, Colonel Rushton served the nation in Germany, Vietnam, Korea, and the United States. He commanded a battalion and four different companies. Among these were command of the Command Operations Company of the 1st Infantry Division during the height of the Vietnam conflict, and command of the 142d Signal Battalion, 2d Armored Division, Fort Hood, TX, during the era of vital division testing. He served as battalion executive officer of the largest signal battalion in the Army in Korea, on the Department of the Army Staff in Washington, DC, and with TRADOC Combined Arms Test Agency at Fort Hood. He is a graduate of the Air War College, Montgomery, AL and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS.

Colonel Rushton holds a master of science degree in management from the University of Alabama and was elected to Beta Gamma Sigma academic fraternity. His first assignment to the West Point staff and faculty was from 1972-1975 as Associate Director of Admissions. In 1979, Colonel Rushton returned to West Point as the Deputy Director of Admissions. In 1985 he was appointed by President Reagan as the U.S. Military Academy Director of Admissions. During his tenure in admissions, Colonel Rushton developed and implemented a number of impressive initiatives. Some of the more important and far-

reaching actions for West Point have been the development of comprehensive admissions tracking and trend analysis; the first use of student search programs for the Military Academy; the development of a state-of-the-art training and assessment program for newly assigned admissions officers; the opening of field offices in California and Texas, and the establishment of the West Point Spotlight School Program and Annual USMA Admissions Distinguished Service Award. During Colonel Rushton's admissions service, the U.S. Military Academy has enrolled 87 percent of the women and 77 percent of the African-American graduates in its history.

Colonel Rushton serves as a member and secretary of the U.S.M.A. Academic Board and as a member of the superintendent's policy board. He has been directly involved in enrolling 20 West Point classes or approximately 34 percent of the total graduates of West Point. As a result of Colonel Rushton's dedicated leadership in attracting and admitting the best young people our Nation has to offer, West Point has retained its position as one of the country's finest institutions of higher learning and the premier leader development institution in the world.

Colonel Rushton and his wife, Charlene have two children, Stephanie Patelli of Fort Irwin, CA and Cheryl Neuburger of Katonah, NY.

Colonel Rushton's many friends, fellow soldiers, and the Corps of Cadets join together on this day, to wish him the best of health and happiness and continued success.

RETAIN OUR SERVICE ACADEMIES

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 1995

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, as is well known, I believe in a limited, efficient Federal Government that spends taxpayers' money wisely and frugally. Yet there is no wisdom in discarding the crown jewels of America's military: the academies in West Point, Annapolis, and Colorado Springs.

Critics charge that the cost of a service academy education is simply too high. This charge rests on a faulty evaluation of the numbers. Comparing the costs to taxpayers for ROTC graduates and military academy graduates is like comparing apples and oranges. Statistics used to show greater cost efficiency in the ROTC Program fail to note that ROTC costs are in addition to the normal cost of an education. For example, when college tuition and ROTC training are combined, the cost for an ROTC graduate is \$214,000 over 4 years of study, while for a graduate of the Naval Academy, it is \$203,000. The cost at West Point is higher—\$268,000—but consider the following: A 4-year education at Stanford is \$290,000, at MIT it is \$254,000, and at Cal Tech, in my home State of California, it is \$426,000. Much of this money is taxpayer-subsidized, and in the context of these expenses, the cost of service academy educations seem a bargain.

And let's not forget that consistently, the Naval, Army, and Air Force Academies rank among the top universities in the United States.

Further, the service retention rate of academy-trained officers is much higher than those trained in ROTC courses. Twenty year retention rates for Naval Academy graduates are